

## The Weekly Ledger.

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SOME of the Populists are surely hard to please.

HON. R. P. BLAND will be nominated for Congress by acclamation.

NOTHING works smoother than machine-made politics until the machine slips a cog. Then look out.

W. H. FRENCH knows a good investment when he sees one. He has just bought two more business houses in the heart of the city.

THE gold Democrat might take advantage of Col. Watterston's absence and make him their nominee. Then there would be a march through the slaughter house to an open grave.

THE Republicans of Missouri have their cat and dog fight this week. They act as though they thought the nominations on the Republican ticket meant something this year. They will learn better.

THE Mexico Tribune is now all home print, and is materially improved, not only in typographical appearance, but in the quantity and quality of news. Outside of its politics, it is a first-class country newspaper.

ABOUT the middle of August there will be a grand Democratic ratification in Mexico. Democrats from all parts of Audrain and adjoining counties will be invited to participate. It should be the largest gathering held in Mexico for years. The exact date will be fixed at an early day.

LET the citizens of Mexico furnish a barbecue dinner to farmers and their families, not only of Audrain but adjoining counties, at the ratification. This is as little as we can do for those who patronize us year in and year out and entertain us whenever an opportunity affords.

BYRON's reception at home is an indication of what his strength will be in November. The more the people know of him the better they will like him. His reception at home was non-partisan. Over twenty thousand people greeted him with enthusiastic delight. He stands well at home.

IT is a grand and glorious thing for any party in any county to have a man who can look after all the arrangements in detail without annoying the people. It is so easy and nice and smooth to have one man attend to all the business of the party without friction. It is so very refreshing.

THE newspaper says that there will be a bolt at the Populist Convention no matter whether Bryan is endorsed or not. Nothing less could be expected of a Populist Convention. A Populist Convention is supposed to please everybody and everybody cannot be pleased unless somebody bolts.

DURING the fiscal year closing with June 30 exports exceeded imports of merchandise by \$102,000,000. This is gratifying to all who are interested in the welfare of the country, but it must be very depressing to orators who have been preparing to mourn over the calamity of "an adverse trade balance."

JUDGE H. M. RAMEY'S name appeared only on the tickets of four voting places out in Audrain County. He having gotten here too late to get his name on the tickets sent to the other precincts in the county is the reason he got so small a vote compared with that of Judge Barnes.

THE New York Journal, speaking of the meeting of the New York League of Building and Loan Associations, says:

"All the old officers, and the Executive Committee were re-elected, and a resolution was passed that all mortgages issued by the Confederated Association should be payable in gold."

THE outlook for both the Military Academy and Hardin College is unusually bright. Although this election year, Col. Fleet and President Yancy are in receipt of more inquiries than usual, and the probability is that these two schools, which are among the best in the United States, will be more liberally patronized than they have ever before.

In the Daily and Weekly LEDGER will be found an advertisement of Westminster College, Fulton, Mo. This is one of the best colleges of the United States. If a young man wants to get a thorough education at a reasonable price there is no better place for him to go. For particulars write R. H. Marquess, Secretary, Fulton, Mo.

THE LEDGER joins all of our people in welcoming the teachers to Mexico. The public school teachers are the hardest worked, and, as a general thing, the poorest paid, and the least appreciated of all professions. What would this country be without the public school teachers? THE LEDGER hopes they will have a pleasant and profitable meeting here.

REFERRING to the outlook for a big corn crop, the Chicago Times-Herald publishes an extended article with the following head lines: "Full Bins for Farmers—Country's Corn Crop Promises to Equal That of Last Year—Big Yield is Assured." Reports of the Department of Agriculture for July—Average Condition 92.4—Everywhere Except in Texas the Cereal is Flourishing—Kansas is the Banner State—Official Figures on the State of the Crops in General Indicate a Season of Prosperity."

IT seems to the LEDGER a curious state of affairs that the same political bosses attend, first the Republican Convention, then the Democratic Convention and finally the Populist Convention. These bosses have more or less to do with manipulating all of them. When they don't get what they want at one they go to the other, and so on. In the meantime the people hardly know what is going on. Conspiracy seems to be a jewel everywhere except in politics.

ONE of the saddest events the Mexico LEDGER has been called upon to chronicle in years is the sudden death of Mrs. Wallace D. Bamford and son, Mrs. Bamford had a short time but had made warm friends of all who knew her. She was a peculiarly lovable young woman and had endeared herself especially not only to her husband but to her father-in-law and mother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Bamford. The people of this community extend their sincerest sympathy to the doubly grief-stricken family.

## THIS WON'T DO.

There is a sad ending in store for Audrain county. At the primary election on last Saturday there was no vote polled at all in twenty-three precincts. In the other precincts the vote cast was ridiculously small. If the Democrats of Missouri expect to retain the sound old State from the Republican column where it was allowed, on account of bad management and bad politics, to go two years ago they must make more interest in the welfare of the party. If the people expect a first-class ticket they must help make it. If people object to nominated people making their platform, they should object to the nomination and getting themselves endorsed, they must come out and vote. There is no use of staying out of the primaries and then finding fault with the result, no matter what it may be. Democrats in Audrain county, if they expect to see their duty towards electing a Democratic ticket next fall, must organize and get together and arrange to bring out a full vote. It is too late now to talk about the platform, the ticket, the bosses or the demagogues. The platform is made; the ticket is nominated. People are supposed to have done both of these things. If they did not it was their own fault. The majority rules. At least a majority of those voting brought about these results. It is the plain duty of Democrats to get together and elect the ticket.

THE ratification meeting to be held in Mexico about the middle of August promises to be the largest gathering of people ever held in any interior city in the State. Arrangements will be made to accommodate the largest number of people possible. The ratification will be accompanied by an old-fashioned barbecue. The business men and citizens should arrange to feed all visitors. Mexico people have been going to county politics and enjoying the hospitality of farmers for years ago by New Year's. Let us have a ratification in Audrain county and its family in Mexico to dinner at our expense. A barbecue dinner goes a long way towards making a Democratic ratification a brilliant success.

THE St. Louis Republic, referring to the Republican State Convention, now in session at Springfield, Mo., uses the following headlines: "The Kansas City Man Convinced That the Boss Has Decided to Drop Him—Made Promises to Cahoon—Davis Him That He Would Throw His Strength to the Madison County Aspirant—Claims Made by Candidates—Estimates of Strength on the Eve of Battle—The Warm Contest Referred by the State Central Committee to the Credentials Committee—St. Louis and Kansas City Delegations."

THE National Populist Convention is in session at St. Louis. It is useless to endeavor to predict the result. All kinds of propositions are being considered. Every man in the Convention has a theory. Weather prophets even refuse to be interviewed.

AT the grand "basket picnic" and ratification meeting to be held in Mexico during August the Mexico people should furnish the baskets. The farmers and their families should be our guests on that occasion.

THE Mexico Fair promises to be better than ever before. Those who have attended the Fair in years gone by know what this means. Every citizen in Audrain and adjoining counties is interested in its success.

IT is currently reported that "Cyclone" Davis has declared for "the initiative, referendum and the imperial mandate," but perhaps he would be willing to take things one at a time.

FILLEY may run the Republican party but the Democrats will attend to him short order at the November election.

## HON. U. S. HALL

Will Give the Democratic Ticket Earnest Support.

From the Moberly (Mo.) Democrat.

HON. U. S. Hall was in the city today for a short while, but left on the train for Moberly at 10 o'clock. He was interviewed by a number of his friends and to all of them stated that he would give Bryan and Sewall an earnest support, and if called upon would take the stump in behalf of the ticket.

He, of course, thinks the financial situation in the platform a grave mistake, but thinks too much of the party of which he has so long been a member to forsake it on a single issue. More than that, it is still sound, he says, on the tariff and contains the income tax feature, a principle for which he labored earnestly and successfully while in Congress.

He also announced his intention of attending the sound money convention soon to be held in St. Louis and will urge all its members to stay with the party and oppose another presidential ticket.

What It Means.

From the St. Louis Republic.

Pleading for the nomination of a second Democratic ticket, the bolting Chicago Chronicle declares that the Republicans cannot consistently fight for "honest money," because they are themselves in favor of the dishonest policy of making the people pay more for goods than they are worth. It then predicts that the Republican ticket will be defeated by the Democrats.

The Republican record is that of Government protection and subsidies for private and special interests. Tariff and protective taxes have greatly increased if not doubled the cost to the people of many necessities of life. The people's money has been poured into the pockets of the protected manufacturing monopolies.

This is the truth and nothing but the truth about the political syndicate masquerading under the name of the Republican party and seeking Democratic support with the specious plea that the party is pledged to the maintenance of the public credit. It is pledged to the maintenance of the public credit and to the robbery of the people for the benefit of political jobs. No Democrat can afford to support the syndicate candidate.

But the effect of the nomination of another so-called Democratic ticket would be, in a measure, the same as the support of McKinley. It would be a McKinley movement thinly disguised by a veil of Democracy. The purpose and effect would be to help the McKinley syndicate in the attempt to maintain the policy that doubles the cost to the people of many necessities of life for the enrichment of monopolies.

Large and complete assortment of styles and prices of U. S. C. corsets always in stock at Blum's.

Ladies' collar and cuffs for \$5. at The Rack.

## WILL NOT PAY GOLD.

Banks Propose to Hoard the "Yellow Boys" Awhile—Already at a Premium.

From the Kansas City World.

All banks in Kansas City have ceased issuing gold either in exchange for large bills, as payment of checks or withdrawals of deposits. Cashier Rule of the bank of Commerce, who they must have more interest in the welfare of the party. If the people expect a first-class ticket they must help make it. If people object to nominated people making their platform, they should object to the nomination and getting themselves endorsed, they must come out and vote. There is no use of staying out of the primaries and then finding fault with the result, no matter what it may be. Democrats in Audrain county, if they expect to see their duty towards electing a Democratic ticket next fall, must organize and get together and arrange to bring out a full vote. It is too late now to talk about the platform, the ticket, the bosses or the demagogues. The platform is made; the ticket is nominated. People are supposed to have done both of these things. If they did not it was their own fault. The majority rules. At least a majority of those voting brought about these results. It is the plain duty of Democrats to get together and elect the ticket.

Cashiers of several banks in this city, who were interviewed this morning on the subject by reporters for the World, gave the same reason for refusing to pay out gold. They said that the evident intention of many people who are now asking for gold is to hoard it on the supposition that it will go to a premium and that this would put it out of circulation and prove injurious to trade and the people generally.

"Will not the refusal of the banks to issue gold in itself force gold to a premium?" Mr. Rule was asked.

"Gold is now practically at a premium of one-half of 1 percent," he replied. "That is about as high as it is going to get, as that now being made, will undoubtedly force it to a higher premium. It will easily go to 1 percent in a short time."

"Two or three weeks ago," said Mr. Rule, "we were meeting our clearing house liabilities in gold and paying out taking gold. Since the Chicago convention there has been a steady withdrawal of gold until the banks had to call a halt in order to keep the proper reserves. This morning we had half a dozen requests for gold from country banks that have usually been paid in gold. Since the Chicago convention there has been a steady withdrawal of gold until the banks had to call a halt in order to keep the proper reserves. This morning we had half a dozen requests for gold from country banks that have usually been paid in gold. Since the Chicago convention there has been a steady withdrawal of gold until the banks had to call a halt in order to keep the proper reserves. This morning we had half a dozen requests for gold from country banks that have usually been paid in gold. 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